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CASH IN ADVANCE.

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If Mr. "John Truth," of Boston, Mass., will send us his real name and address, we will be glad to publish his article. We do not publish anonymous letters or anything else. Articles bearing fictitious names must bear the real name of the author not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith.

If Editor Roach of the Recorder-Indicator does not know that there is a difference in the acting of a private individual and what should be the action of an association of people—especially an association that depends on and appeals to the people at large for support and success—this Editor has neither the time nor disposition to try to enlighten him.

Sixty-five accidents in which five persons lost their lives for the month of February is the report of the State Highway department. Besides those killed 17 were seriously injured and 33 received minor injuries. Fifty-eight of the accidents were caused by speeding, careless driving and recklessness due to liquor. In the hands of the reckless, the automobile is a dangerous machine.

According to the Assistant State Supervisor of Agricultural education, the white agricultural teachers of Florence County have saved more than their salaries for farmers of that county in advising them how to buy fertilizer. Those are real teachers. Now, how about our colored teachers? Are they doing something real for our people along agricultural lines? Something more than mere theory is needed. Conferences are all right but something else too is needed.

The colored citizens of Sumter have been well provided for in the beautiful school building recently erected by the School Board of that hustling little city. Fittingly too has it been given the name of the "Savage-Glover" school—honoring by the name two of its oldest and most faithful lady teachers, oldest we mean in point of service. We hope that when Columbia provides another school for colored children, its name will be the "Saxon" school, in honor of one of the best, earnest, hard-working and oldest teachers in point of effective service in the State—Mrs. Celig D. Saxon.

ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT FOR NEGRO EDUCATION

One million dollars for Negro education is the gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. This is the greatest amount given at a single time by one man subject to no conditions whatever. The money is for the endowment fund of \$5,000,000 that is now being raised for Tuskegee Institute and Hampton. Mr. Rockefeller says that he gives this money because these schools "provide an education which fits boys and girls to be useful citizens, whether they go forward

to higher and professional education or go directly into agriculture, industry or business . . . and because of my life-long interest in the colored race." It will be noted that he does not give this money to these schools because they confine themselves to a certain kind of education but because they prepare boys and girls for whatever sphere in life that their abilities may fit them. It is indeed fortunate that men of Mr. Rockefeller's vision and ability have been and are interested in the colored race. After all, interest in the colored race is but interest in the welfare of America. The colored people certainly can never forget Mr. Rockefeller.

THRIFT WEEK

The white citizens of Columbia have been devoting much of time and thought to the stimulating of thrift this week among themselves. Beginning last Sunday a particular phase of this subject has been emphasized each day. Prominent among the subjects were a discussion of the advantages of banks, building and loan associations, owning a home, insurance, pay your bills and making a will. As can be seen all of these subjects have a direct bearing on thrift, which simply means earning and spending wisely. We do not know just to what extent the colored population has been lectured on the subject of thrift, but if anybody in the world needs to have this subject impressed upon them, it is our group. How many of us have a bank account? Certainly not enough. Everyone with any ambition coupled with industry can start a bank account, be it ever so modest. The colored people of this City are fortunate in having a bank operated by themselves. Every one who can ought open an account with that bank—the Victory Savings Bank. That bank will be large or small according to the confidence in it as the colored people of this community have confidence in themselves.

The importance of carrying insurance cannot be over-estimated. Few will be able perhaps to accumulate much money and because of that the carrying of insurance becomes the more important. In this community three good insurance companies are represented by our own men, the North Carolina Mutual, W. H. Harvey, State Agent; the National Benefit, N. H. Collins, Dist. Agent; and the South Carolina Mutual, Jas. H. Goode, Gen. Mgr. No man ought claim that he loves his family and yet make no provision for them and no better method has been found than life insurance.

Pay your bills—well, some folks think it is a mark of distinction to owe everybody. The man who allows his bills to accumulate and makes no effort to pay them is simply dishonest and no good to himself or his community; in short he is an undesirable citizen. Then, lastly, make your will. We do not mean make that the last thing you do before "going west." Remember, dying without having made your will is robbing your family of money that they will perhaps need. Thrift can be and ought be practised every day.

OLD FOLKS' HOME

DEAR MR. EDITOR: Please allow me space in the Palmetto Leader to speak of my old folks' Home. I still have ten inmates to be supported and I will be thankful for any donations that can be afforded. I would like to say that the Jubilee Choir of Zion Baptist Church was down to the old folks' home on Sunday afternoon and had wonderful prayer services, and also donated delicious fruit to the inmates. I also wish to thank the Rev. R. M. Myers for a splendid donation. Please pray for me and my old folks. Rev. Jagers Daughter, SUSIE

The Searchlight By William Frank Williams.

This week's starter was first related to me by my old friend, President Geo. H. Hampton, of the H. H. Association of South Carolina.

During the World War there was at Camp Jackson a "rookie" who went about the camp every day picking up pieces of paper and looking at them in a strange manner. Each paper he picked up he would say "This ain't it." This continued for several weeks and the camp authorities became concerned. They pronounced him crazy and were considering giving him discharge papers. One day they watched him and followed him as he went about his daily habit. They became convinced that he was crazy and carried him to headquarters and presented him with a discharge on the grounds of lunacy. As he took the paper and read it he said with a broad smile: "This is it!"

He was sent to France with the next outfit. A COMMON CRIME Dr. E. P. Johnson, noted minister of Atlanta, in a recent sermon hit the keynote with regard to criminal failure, on the part of most Negro parents to teach their children the most important things for their moral welfare.

He said from their birth up to the eighteenth month Negro babies have no superiors in intellect. They watch, talk, walk and do all things with amazing rapidity. But when they reach the age where they can inquire they are neglected and discouraged by their parents. When a child asks its mother a question she usually tells it to go away and play, and if the child insists on knowing, she slaps it. The writer saw a photoplay on birth control recently. The picture stressed two things that are necessary for the welfare of society. One was the duty of parents to act as moral, religious and medical advisor to their children. Every mother is her child's ideal, and she can do more towards making her child a healthy, respectful citizen than the law and the preachers. Some parents haven't the moral courage to warn their children of pitfalls that might engulf them during their adolescent period—and this is the period during which most girls ruin their lives. It is the duty of every parent to begin a series of serious lectures to their children when they are entering their teens. Moral and physical degradation are the most pathetic of all lessons taught by the school of experience. It's a bad road and a detour must be made to avoid its dangers. The only signboard that can be depended upon is the parent, and any parent who neglects his or her greatest duty to society is unfit for parenthood.

Governor McLean on Borglum. After another week of sayings and actions in the case of the Stone Mountain Memorial Committee against Gutzon Borglum, world renowned sculptor, it is beginning to look like the whole country is on Borglum's side. The reader will remember the tone of our article last week was partial to the sculptor. Ralph T. Jones, staff correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution, writes at length on his interview with Governor Angus McLean, at the executive mansion in Raleigh, N. C., last Sunday.

Governor McLean said: "If Gutzon Borglum does not carry on his work at Stone Mountain, the great memorial to American heroism, the stupendous monument to the leggers of the Confederacy, will never be completed." He further said: "Out

of all the great sculptors of history, it is doubtful if one in a thousand of them would be able to execute work on such a massive scale."

When questioned as to public opinion in North Carolina in regard to the controversy between the sculptor and the executive committee of the Stone Mountain association, he said men and women over the entire state were solidly with the sculptor. "The way we regard it," he said, "is that with such a glorious undertaking as Stone Mountain Memorial waiting to be completed, and with Gutzon Borglum, the only man in the world able to do it, we would pardon him if he was in our state prison condemned as a murderer, take him out and put him to work."

Governor McLean praised Gov. Clifford Walker, of Georgia, for persuading the committee to annul the requisition papers previously issued at their request.

This is another demonstration of farsightedness on the part of the men who are making North Carolina. With just such men as Governor McLean in the lead North Carolina is rapidly becoming the greatest southern state. Her educational program her state highway improvements, her great consideration of the problems of her citizens, both white and black, display a degree of culture which is not common to all state governments south of the Potomac.

GOD IN NATURE.

BY JEAN JEW.

Whether we believe in a biologic God with arms, legs, and other human attributes, or whether we concur with a noted church official who said recently, "I believe in the all-in-all in whom we live and move and have our being and to whose laws we must all conform if we are to attain the most abundant life,"—whichever we believe, the inexorable fact is, there is a divinity in natural phenomena which has a very tangible effect upon us and which lifts us out of ourselves giving communion with a spiritual force more sublime than anything human. And I have no apology to make for calling that super-thing God, since I live in the great America—another expression for tolerance of religious beliefs.

There is something in the nature of man which seems to demand an earthly intermediary in his religious affairs. A confession made to some human appears to offer more immediate balm than one made in the darkness of the closet.

You confess that a confession to man is the harder. If you seek then an agent between yourself and God—one to whom confession is easy and yet gives undelayed sympathy, seek the out-of-doors, glorious, impetuous spring; the mystic, inspiring sea; or the welcome invitation of the aromatic pines. Their blessings are given to those who seek not; to those who seek, the glories of Paradise are revealed.

The poet has caught the divinity of nature when he speaks of spring thus: Whether we look or whether we listen, We hear life murmur, or see it glisten; Every clod feels a stir of might, An instinct within it that reaches and towers, And, groping blindly above it for light, Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers.

Now the heart is so full that a drop overfills it, We are happy now because God wills it. There is an unseen Divinity that reaches out perpetually to us; if we cannot be touched by it so much for our spiritual degeneration; if we can, so much for our regeneration.

Even heterodox Omar discloses the force of even the potter's clay.

And if we are desirous of still other examples, what greater spiritual minister would you want than a garden of roses, jasmines and hyacinthes.

And the sunset at the end of a perfect June day is a welcome father confessor.

The sun has then spent its challenged energy and you yourself know that behind the creeping darkness waits a day of hope, as you know within the enchanting sunset's glow there is relief from the sorrow of the day.

You sit down with your elbows on your knees and your head in the pocket of your hands, and you gaze into the west and are yourself no more. You have caught the spirit of the sunset and you lay your troubles at its feet. The exchange is sudden, for the spirit of the sunset is the spirit of God. This we know for when the last red speck sinks into the distant sky and the rising zephyrs chant melodies for the dying day, you come back to yourself relieved of your burden and a song of joy in your heart.

THE VALUE OF A MAN.

(By Bishop F. F. Reese.)

"The first and most important contribution which the churches can make toward any matter of right human relations is to preach the gospel of the Incarnation," declared Bishop F. F. Reese in an address be-

fore Federal Council of Churches. The Negro is a man, as God reveals the meaning of manhood. He is within the unity of the race as the Incarnation reveals it. The religion of every man or group is fatally defective which does not so regard him.

"The Negro is not like the white man in every particular. There are striking differences, physical and mental, but he is one with the white man in his essential humanity. When the churches have converted their own people and have led them to accept that truth and to base their relations to the Negro on that principle, there will be cordial co-operation and confidence between the races.

"The responsibility rests, first upon the white race, just in so far as it assumes its superiority in strength and capacity and just in so far as it has enjoyed advantages and civilization which the Negro has not enjoyed. Right relations which constitute morality and true religion will inevitably promote justice and fair dealing and kindness and brotherly conduct toward the Negro. It will mean that it will be taken for granted that he is entitled to the opportunity to make, under God, the best of himself of which he is capable, and that no prejudice or contempt or injustice on the part of the white man will hinder or handicap him. Under God, he will have every opportunity and every assistance from his stronger brother to work out his salvation, individually and racially."

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